

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce disposable syringes in CGHS dispensaries to eliminate the risk of AIDS and other communicable diseases; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (d). Hindustan Latex Limited (HLL), a Public Sector Undertaking, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, had proposed to manufacture 60 million pieces of disposable syringe and 100 million pieces of needle at the present estimated project cost of Rs. 53.08 crores. However, in view of the large investment needed to be made in the project, the relatively higher anticipated unit cost of HLL syringe vis-a-vis the conventional syringes available in the market and non-availability of captive purchase support by different programmes of the Government, HLL have now viewed that the proposed project is not viable. The introduction of disposable syringes in hospitals and dispensaries is not a part of the National AIDS Control Programme. Further, AIDS virus is thermostable and is destroyed by ordinary boiling. Therefore glass-syringes with needles are used in CGHS Dispensaries.

#### **Bogus Sterilisation Operation**

6330. SHRIVILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Banda Mein Farji Nasbandiyon Ki Uchchistariya Janch", appearing in 'Rashtriya-Shara' dated December 31, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received such report from other parts of the country;

(c) if so, the facts thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, such report regarding large-scale bogus sterilisation in other parts of the country has come to the notice of the Government.

(c) The question does not arise.

(d) The State Government has been requested to take necessary action under intimation to the Union Government.

[English]

#### **Irregularities in Medical Council of India**

6331. SHRI SURESHANAND SWAMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of large scale irregularities alleged to have been committed by some of the retired officers of Medical council of India;

(b) if so, whether a CBI inquiry was instituted; and

(c) the outcome thereof and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has investigated the alleged irregularities committed by Ex-Secretary of Medical Council of India (MCI). According to CBI, the allegation of misconduct

has been established against him. Medical Council of India is examining appropriate action that can be taken under the provisions of law against its retired Officer

#### **Welfare Measures for Contract Labourers in Food Corporation of India**

**6332. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK:** Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India provide welfare measures and other benefits to the contract labourers as provided to the departmental workers;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The minimum wages and other admissible amenities to the Contract Labour are ensured by the FCI through incorporation of suitable provisions in the Contracts executed with the Contractors.

#### **Reopening of Stations in Waltair Division**

**6333. SHRI SIVAJI PATNAIK:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kashinagar, Parlakimidi and Ganguvada stations under Waltair division of South-Eastern Railways were closed down resulting in great hardship to the people;

(b) if so, the reasons for such closures; and

(c) the time by which these Station are likely to be reopened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Parlakimidi, Kashinagar and Ganguvada block stations have not been closed for passenger traffic but have been converted into halt stations for operational and financial reasons.

#### **Food Stuff to Kashmir**

**6334. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO:** Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether basic food stuff is supplied to the people of Kashmir at subsidies rates; and

(b) if so, the expenditure incurred on this account by the Union Government and the State Government during the last three years separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). The foodgrains, wheat and rice, are supplied at uniform central issue prices to all the States/UTs including Jammu and Kashmir for sale to the consumers under the Public Distribution System. These prices are lower than the economic cost of the grains. The differential amount, that is, subsidy, incurred during the last three years by the Government of India and benefit availed by the consumers of Jammu and Kashmir is as under:—

| <i>Year</i>            | <i>Amount (Rs. in crores)</i> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1989-90                | 44.32                         |
| 1990-91                | 42.06                         |
| 1991-92<br>(Estimated) | 47.76                         |

The cost incurred by the State Government towards distribution of these grains are either realised by the State Govt. from the consumers or borne by them by way of